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RE: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Improved Security Services"
Serial Number: 10/035,707

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office:

1. *Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers*
2. *Forty-one sheets of replacement drawings;*
3. *Copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers*
4. *Two-month extension fee of \$410*

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents by date stamping the enclosed postcard and returning it to this office.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dewayne L. Hays et al.

Atty. Dkt. No.: MET580/4-1

Serial No.: 10/035,707

Examiner: Not Yet Determined

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**Title: Methods and Apparatus for Improved
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS MAILED
SEPTEMBER 11, 2002**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers ('Notice') mailed September 11, 2002, which sets forth a two-month period for response. Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Notice. A check in the amount of \$410.00 is included herewith for the two-month extension fee. This two-month extension will extend the date for response to January 11, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. If any additional fees are required, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to deduct these fees from the Vinson & Elkins Deposit Account No. 22-0365/MET580/4-1.

I. REMARKS

On August 7, 2002 Applicants submitted a Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts dated February 7, 2002. This Response included, among other things, corrected drawing sheets with a request by the Applicants that formal drawings be held in abeyance until receipt of a Notice of Allowance. Even so, a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed on September 11, 2002 indicating that substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 must be timely filed to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application. As required, a copy of the Notice is included herewith.

Applicants have included with this Response forty-one (41) sheets of substitute drawings. It is submitted that the substitute drawings comply with the requirements indicated in the Notice.

II. CONCLUSION

Applicants believe this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues identified by the Notice. If this is not the case, Applicants respectfully request that the Office contact the undersigned attorney immediately, so that an appropriate correction may be made.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 713-758-2002 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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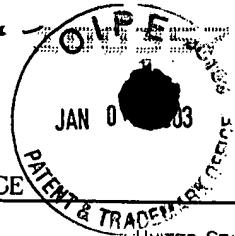


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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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